

land. But England and Russia will exert all their efforts to oppose*, her. I>y sea it is still more impossible that she should do anything. Then you have nothing" to fear but Russia and England, and it will be easy for you to keep up friendly relations with these two powers. Take my advice : sell your iron, timber, leather, and pitch ; take in return salt, wines, brandy, and colonial produce. This is the way to make yourself popular iu Sweden. If, on the contrary, you follow the Continental system, you will he obliged to adopt laws against smuggling, which will draw upon you the detestation of the people.³⁷

Such was the advice which I gave to Bernadotte when he was about to commence his new and brilliant career. In spite of my situation as a French Minister I could not have reconciled it to my conscience to give him any other counsel, for if diplomacy has duties so also has friendship. Bernadotte adopted my advice, and the King of Sweden had no reason to regret having done so.

IANNEX TO THK PHECKTHNG

CHAPTER. I THE BATTLE OF WAGRAM.

Early in the morning of the Jth, after despatching orders in various directions, Napoleon wan taken rather seriously 111, in consequence of his fatigue? and exertion. This circumstance compelled him to indulge in a little; rest whilst the troops were advancing.

Marshal Bernadotte came at that time* to see the Emperor, who had left orders that no one should disturb him until he called; I therefore refused to introduce, the. Marshal, the object of whose visit was wholly unknown to tri. I had witnessed the lukewarmness which his troops had evinced in the battle¹; ever since the opening of the campaign he had been incessantly complaining of want of ardor in bin troops, of their inexperience, and of their want of confidence in their leaders. I should therefore have exhausted every supposition before I could bavo imagined that, contradicting on a sudden the unfavorable opinion bo had given, of their courage, he could ever dream that those troops bad decided the victory we had just obtained.

The Kmperor wan soon made acquainted with that unaccountable Order of the Day; lie sent for the Marshal, and removed him from the